



ACTS AND LAWS,

Made and passed by the General Court or Assembly of His Majesty's English Colony of CONNECTICUT, in NEW-ENGLAND, in AMERICA; holden at *New-Haven*, in said Colony, on the Second Thursday of *October*, in the Fourteenth Year of the Reign of Our Sovereign Lord *GEORGE* the Third, King of GREAT-BRITAIN, &c. *Anno-que Domini, 1774.*

An Act in addition to the Law of this Colony, entituled, An Act for forming and regulating the Militia, and for Encouragement of Military Skill, for the better Defence of this Colony.



*E*t it enacted by the Governor, Council, and Representatives, in General Court assembled, and by the Authority of the same, That the Military Companies or Train-Bands in the several Regiments in this Colony, shall be called out and exercised in the Use of their Arms, and other Exercises proper for a Company of

Militia to be under Arms twelve Half Days.

Infantry, twelve Half Days from this Time until the first Day of *May* next. And if any of the non-commission Officers or Soldiers in said Companies, shall neglect to attend said Exercises, each Person so neglecting shall forfeit and pay

Penalty for neglect.

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for

Premium for
Attendance.

for each Half Day, *Two Shillings* lawful Money, to be divided equally among the non-commission Officers and Soldiers in said Companies who shall attend and do Duty: And a Premium of *Six Shillings* shall be allowed to each Soldier who shall attend said twelve Half Days.

Regimental
Exercise.

And every Regiment in this Colony, as well the Horse as Foot belonging thereto, shall meet either together or in Parts, at the Discretion of the Colonel or Commanding Officer, at such Time and Place as such Colonel or Field Officer shall appoint, for Regimental Exercises, one Day before the tenth Day of *May* next: And every non-commission Officer, Trooper, and Soldier shall be allowed and paid *One Shilling* for attending such Regimental Exercise.

Bounds of the
19th Regi-
ment.

And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the Military Companies in the Towns of *East-Windsor, Enfield, and Bolton*, and that Part of *Hartford* on the east Side of *Connecticut-River*, shall be, and they are hereby constituted and made one entire and distinct Regiment, and shall be called and known by the Name of the *Nineteenth Regiment*.

Bounds of the
20th Regi-
ment.

That the Military Companies in the Town of *Norwich*, shall be, and they are hereby made and constituted one entire Regiment, and shall be called and known by the Name of the *Twentieth Regiment*.

Bounds of the
21st Regi-
ment.

That the Military Companies in the Towns of *Plainfield, Canterbury, Voluntown*, and the south Company in the Town of *Killingley*, and all the Soldiers living in said *Canterbury*, shall be set off from the eleventh Regiment, and shall be, and are hereby made and constituted a distinct and entire Regiment, and shall be called and known by the Name of the *Twenty-first Regiment*.

Bounds of the
22d Regi-
ment.

That the Military Companies in the Towns of *Tolland, Somers, Stafford, Willington*, and *Union*, shall be one distinct Regiment, and shall be called and known by the Name of the *Twenty-second Regiment*.

Which several Regiments shall be under the same Rules and Orders, and shall have the same Powers, Privileges, and Advantages as other Regiments of this Colony by Law have.

And

Importation of Slaves prohibited.

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And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That wherever Sixty effective Men, not now enclued in any Militia Rolls, voluntarily enlist themselves into a Company, the Colonel or Commanding Officer of the Regiment in which they are, shall lead them to the Choice of proper Officers, who shall be established and commissioned as other Officers by Law are.

Voluntiers
formed into
Companies.

That the Colonels in the Regiments in this Colony, be, and they are hereby directed to collect the Fire-Arms and other Implements of War within their respective Regiments, which belong to this Colony, and cause them to be repaired and fitted for Use; and make Returns to the Captain-General the Number and State of the Arms they shall so find and collect, with all convenient Dispatch.

Fire-Arms to
be repaired.

And that there shall be a General Muster of all the Military Companies in this Colony, on the fourth Monday of November next, when the Arms of all Persons obliged by Law to provide and keep Arms, shall be viewed by the Chief Officers of the respective Companies, under Penalty already provided by Law for Neglect in such Case.

A General
Muster.

An Act for prohibiting the Importation of Indian, Negro, or Molatto Slaves.

W H E R E A S the Increase of Slaves in this Colony is injurious to the Poor, and inconvenient : Preamble.

B E it enacted by the Governor, Council, and Representatives, in General Court assembled, and by the Authority of the same, That no Indian, Negro, or Molatto Slave, shall, at any Time hereafter, be brought or imported into this Colony, by Sea or Land, from any Place or Places whatsoever, to be disposed of, left, or sold within this Colony.

No Slaves to
be brought
into this Co-
lony.

Be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That any Person or Persons, who shall hereafter, contrary to the true intent of this Act, import or bring any Indian, Negro, or Molatto Slave or Slaves into this Colony, to be disposed of, left,

Penalty on
Importers or
Purchasers of
Slaves.

left, or sold within the same, or who knowing such Slave or Slaves to be so imported and brought into this Colony, shall receive or purchase them or any of them, shall forfeit and pay to the Treasurer of this Colony the Sum of *One Hundred Pounds* lawful Money, for every Slave so imported, brought into this Colony, received or purchased, to be recovered by Bill, Plaint, or Information, in any Court of Record proper to try the same. And that it shall be the Duty of all Constables and Grand-Jurors to enquire after, and make Presentment of all Breaches of this Act.

An Act in addition to, and alteration of an Act made and passed by the General Assembly held at *Hartford*, on the second Thursday of *May*, 1773, relative to the trial and decision of Matters in Equity.

Suits for Relief in Equity,
how determined.

BE it enacted by the Governor, Council, and Representatives, in General Court assembled, and by the Authority of the same, That all Suits for Relief in Equity, wherein the Value of the Matter or Thing in Demand does exceed the Sum of *Five Pounds*, and does not exceed the Sum of *One Hundred Pounds*, shall be heard and determined by the respective County Courts in this Colony, in the County where one of the Parties dwell. And that all Suits for Relief in Equity, where Remedy is not to be had at Law, wherein the Value of the Matter or Thing in Demand does exceed the Sum of *One Hundred Pounds*, and does not exceed the Sum of *Four Hundred Pounds*, shall and may be heard and determined by the Superior Courts of this Colony, in the respective Counties where one of the Parties dwell. And all Matters and Causes in Equity now depending in the Assembly, wherein there is no Complaint of Error in any of the Courts of Law, nor hath been any Report made, which come within the Jurisdiction of the Superior and County Courts as is herein established, shall be referred to the said Courts for a final Decision; and the said Causes are hereby referred to said Superior and County Courts respectively, in the State in which the same now are.

Provided

Provided nevertheless, That the Superior Court shall proceed to hear and determine all such Causes as are already commenced and undetermined in said Court.

A proviso.

This Act to expire with the said Act to which the same is in an Addition.

Expiration of the Act.

An Act in addition to an Act, entituled, An Act for recovering in the Excise Monies, and appropriating the same for the Benefit of Schools.

BE it enacted by the Governor, Council, and Representatives, in General Court assembled, and by the Authority of the same, That the Treasurer of this Colony pay out to the several Towns, the principal Sums paid in by them as Excise Money, together with the Interest due at the Time of Payment, taking a Receipt therefor; which Monies shall be appropriated to the Use of Schools as in said Act is provided.

Colony Treasurer to pay out Excise Money.

And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the last Paragraph of said Act be repealed, and the same is hereby repealed and made void.

A Paragraph repealed.

An Act in further addition to the Law, entituled, An Act in further addition to an Act of this Colony, entituled, An Act concerning Book Debts.

W H E R E A S the limited Time in said Act mentioned for the recovery of Book Debts that were outstanding when said Act was made, if not further lengthened out may at present prove very inconvenient:

Preamble.

BE it therefore enacted by the Governor, Council, and Representatives, in General Court assembled, and by the Authority of the same, That all such Book Debts, not otherwise balanced, paid, or adjusted, may and shall be recoverable in any Court in this Colony, if sued for at any Time before the first

Time for recovering Book Debts, prolonged.

first Day of March, One Thousand seven Hundred and Seventy-six; any Thing in said Act to the contrary in any wise notwithstanding.

An Act repealing an Act of this Colony, entituled, An Act to encourage the destroying of Wolves, &c. and also another Act of this Colony, entituled, An Act in addition to, and alteration of an Act of this Colony, entituled, An Act to encourage the destroying of Wolves, &c.

Two Acts
repealed.

BE it enacted by the Governor, Council, and Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the Authority of the same, That the Acts aforesaid, and each and every Paragraph of them, be repealed, and they are hereby repealed and made void.

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